



## Election Observer Panel

### **I. Purpose**

The Election Observer Panel and Logic & Accuracy Board are combined into a single panel serving both functions. Pursuant to Sections 4.5.3 & 4.7 of the "Procedures Required For Use Of The Premier Election Solutions, Inc. Voting Systems", the purpose of the panel is to observe all procedures of the ballot count process, verify that the program accurately tallies the logic and accuracy test ballot cards, assist in ensuring the integrity of the election process, encourage participation and build voter confidence in the election process.

### **II. Invitation**

At roughly E-29, requests for appointment is made by phone or email to the Butte County Grand Jury. Three members of the Butte County Grand Jury are appointed by the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters to serve on the Logic & Accuracy Board.

### **III. Duties, General Rules of Conduct, Ground Rules**

Panelists are responsible for:

#### **1. The duties set forth below:**

- Receive from elections official all test materials.
- Take steps to ensure the security of the said materials before, during and subsequent to the election, except when said materials are properly in the possession of the elections official.
- Observes the performance of all required tests and performs a random logic and accuracy test.
- Verify that the ballot counting program accurately tallies the logic and accuracy test ballot cards.
- Note any discrepancies and problems and affirms their resolution or correction.
- Certify to the performance of each of the above prescribed duties.
- Sign the appropriate certificates.
- Wear an identification badge.
- Must be courteous and maintain a professional manner while observing the election processes.

#### **2. Panelists may:**

- Make notes and watch all procedures.
- View all activities at the central counting site.
- View the canvass of the vote activities following the election.
- View vote by mail and provisional ballot processing.
- Ask questions of supervisors at the central counting site.

#### **3. Panelists may not:**

- Interfere in any way with the conduct of the election.
- Touch any voting materials or equipment or sit at the official worktables unless directed.
- Converse with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place or elections office or warehouse) regarding the casting of a vote, or speak to a voter regarding his or her qualifications to vote.
- Display any election material or wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel.
- Wear the uniform of a peace officer, a private guard, or security personnel.
- Use cellular phones, pagers, or two-way radios within 100 feet of the entrance to polling place or elections office or warehouse.

### **IV. Orientation and Pre-Election, Pre-Tabulation and Post Election Test Observation and Verification**

The Logic & Accuracy Board meets in the Butte County Elections Office roughly ten - twelve days prior to the election for an orientation/overview of the ballot count process and to perform and verify the logic and accuracy tests.

On Election Night the Logic & Accuracy Board observes the ballot count process and remains throughout the evening until all ballots are counted.

During the official canvass the Board will return to observe ballot count process of updated results.